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By: Yasuhisa FUJII and Yasuhiro SANDO  
Attorney Docket: 15162/04070

Dear Sir:

Enclosed for filing are the following papers relating to  
PARTICLE SEPARATION MECHANISM, Yasuhisa FUJII and Yasuhiro SANDO,  
inventors:

- (1) Specification (24 pages, including 37 claims and an abstract);
- (2) Executed Declaration and Power of Attorney (7 pages);
- (3) Drawings (6 sheets);
- (4) Transmittal Letter (1 page) with PrintEFS Patent Application Bibliographic Data (2 pages);

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- (5) Information Disclosure Statement (2 pages), PTO-1449 Form (1 page), (1) reference cited; and
- (6) Assignment (2 pages) of the invention to MINOLTA CO., LTD., with attached Recordation Form Cover Sheet (1 page) (in duplicate).

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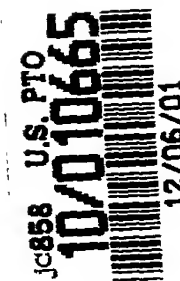
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**TRANSMITTAL OF PrintEFS PATENT**  
**APPLICATION BIBLIOGRAPHIC DATA**

Submitted herewith is bibliographic data (2 pages) for the  
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